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TO AMCONSUL RIO DE JANEIRO

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SUBJECT: CIVAIR - FUEL SHORTAGE

REF : RIO DE JANEIRO 4437; STATE 230034

1. POLICY STATEMENTS QUOTED IN STATE REFTEL APPLY EQUALLY TO ALL INTERNATIONAL AIR SERVICES WHETHER SCHEDULED OR NONSCHEDULED (CHARTER) SERVICES.

2. DEPARTMENT'S ASSISTANCE HAS BEEN REQUESTED BY NATIONAL AIR CARRIER ASSOCIATION (NACA), REPRESENTING MOST U.S. INTERNATIONAL SUPPLEMENTAL (CHARTER ONLY) CARRIERS, FOR ASSISTANCE TO TRANS INTERNATIONAL AIRWAYS(TIA) AND WORLD AIRWAYS IN MAINTAINING THEIR OPERATIONS TO BRAZIL. TIA PLANS TWO FLIGHTS A WEEK DECEMBER THROUGH MARCH AND WORLD 6 FLIGHTS IN JANUARY, 7 IN FEBRUARY AND 8 IN MARCH. TIA HAS RETAINED LOCAL ATTORNEY IN RIO, ALVES DE SOUSA. ACCORDING TO WHAT WE ARE TOLD, TIA WAS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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NOTIFIED THAT FURTHER CHARTER FLIGHTS TO BRAZIL WOULD

NOT BE APPROVED BECAUSE OF ALLEGATION BY VARIG THAT
PRESIDENT NIXON'S STATEMENT ON FUEL CONSERVATION IS
DISCRIMINATORY.

3. EMBASSY MAY ASSURE GOB USG INTENDS TO TREAT ALL
CARRIERS EQUITABLY. HOWEVER, WE ARE FACED WITH SERIOUS
SHORTAGE OF JET FUEL DUE TO INTERRUPTION OF SUPPLIES
FROM CARIBBEAN REFINERIES NORMALLY FUELED BY MIDEAST
STOCKS. RESULT COULD BE SUBSTANTIAL REDUCTION BELOW
CEILINGS REFERRED TO IN PRESIDENTIAL STATEMENTS.
EMBASSY SHOULD EMPHASIZE THAT PROBLEM EXISTS FOR U.S.
AS WELL AS FOREIGN CARRIERS. SPECIFICALLY PAN AM HAS
PUBLICLY INDICATED EXTREME DIFFICULTIES IT IS ENCOUN-

ERING. FINALLY, IF GOB SHOULD CLAIM THAT SOME CARRIERS
APPEAR TO BE MORE AFFECTED THAN OTHERS, EMBASSY MAY NOTE

THAT UP TO THE PRESENT, BONDED FUELS (NORMALLY USED FOR
INTERNATIONAL SERVICES) HAVE NOT BEEN CONTROLLED AND
THEREFORE CARRIERS WHO HAPPEN TO HAVE HAD SUPPLIERS
WHO ARE BETTER OFF MAY HAVE BEEN LESS AFFECTED TO DATE.
WE EXPECT, HOWEVER, THAT ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS TO DEAL
WITH THIS PROBLEM WILL BE FORTHCOMING BY THE END OF
1973. KISSINGER

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